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## Senator Roxanne J. Persaud and Colleagues Deliver Grant Funding to Brooklyn Employment Training Program

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The \$100,000 check commemorates operational grant funding appropriated in the NYS Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020. This new grant will support employment readiness and job training programs for struggling New Yorkers through technical education and wrap-around support services. Celebrating 35 years of service to New Yorkers, The HOPE Program offers three distinct training tracks and two transitional programs through which trainees secure

and maintain full-time employment.

“For over thirty five years now, The HOPE Program has helped thousands of New Yorkers join or re-enter the workforce through its comprehensive training, employment placement and job retention model,” said Senator Persaud. “I am proud to support The HOPE Program’s continued mission to inspire hope, educate and empower adults here in the Borough of Brooklyn.”

“On behalf of the staff, board, and most importantly the jobseekers of The HOPE Program, I am honored to receive this funding from Senator Persaud. This investment further solidifies Senator Persaud's long-standing commitment to our borough and to the issues that matter most to our community: social services, economic development, and supporting families. Moreover, it will enable us to provide high-quality training, mental health access, financial opportunities, and critical support services to hundreds of individuals right here in Brooklyn. Thank you Senator Persaud and all of our Brooklyn representatives for your ongoing support!” said Jennifer Mitchell, Executive Director of The HOPE Program.

“I am so pleased to see funding being directed towards organizations like The HOPE Program in my district. I thank my colleague and friend, Senator Persaud for supporting the vital work being done here. I look forward to continuing our work together to strengthen and uplift families all across New York State,” said Senator Velmanette Montgomery.

“The work that The HOPE Program does in job training and employment readiness is so essential for my district and all of Brooklyn,” said Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon. “This grant is well deserved and I am so proud to stand with my colleagues as we support The HOPE Program’s mission to empower New Yorkers to build sustainable futures.”

Senator Roxanne J. Persaud, who was named Chair of the NYS Senate Standing Committee on Social Services ahead of the 2019-2020 Legislative Session, served on the Joint Human Services & Labor Budget Conference Committee and was an alternate member of the Joint Mental Hygiene Conference Committee.

“We faced significant fiscal challenges in crafting this year’s budget. With more and more New Yorkers living at or below the poverty line, any opportunity to fight poverty and economic instability is a step in the right direction,” added Senator Persaud.